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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find, in duplicate, my application for a patent. Please be advised that I qualify as a small entity.

Charges for filing the application may be charged against the following credit card:

Expiration date: 09/01
George H. Scherr, Ph.D.

Oppies of documents cited in my application are attached hereto for the convenience of the examiners.

Please consider that my Application No. 09/301,228 filed April 29, 1999, with the U.S. Patent Office is to be considered abandoned and the application submitted herein to be considered a continuation-in-part.

Should you require any other information or material, I should be pleased to make it available at your request.

Sincerely yours

George H. Scherr, Ph.D.

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Fax to Ms. Marcia Gordon U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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Re: Serial # 09676670

Dear Ms. Gordon:

In accord with your telephone conversation, I am pleased to stipulate the costs for filing my patent application. The fees are to be deducted from my VISA account in accord with my letter of August 31, 2000, a copy of which is attached.

Small entity filing fee = \$355.00

There are only 3 independent claims

Claims in excess of 20 are 34 34 @ \$7.00 = \$306.00

The total to be deducted should be \$661.00.

Very truly yours

George H. Scherr, Ph.D.